



A FRUIT AND SEED OF THE ANAY.

(*PERSEA SP.*, S. P. I. NO. 43432.)

A wild relative of the avocado, with smooth, glossy black fruits, 4 to 6 inches long, having a very thin, membranous skin which adheres closely to the firm, oily flesh. The latter has a rich, bland flavor like that of a good avocado, but with a suggestion of sweetness. If the flesh of the anay was more abundant, its flavor would make it of great value. The fruits do not ripen on the tree, but fall to the ground while still hard and require two or three days to soften. This may prove of value for breeding purposes. (Photographed by Wilson Popenoe at Mazatenango, Guatemala, September 23, 1916; P16806FS.) Natural size.